Integrated drinking water supply scheme for mega cities

2499. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to initiate an accelerated integrated drinking water supply scheme for mega-cities like Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai and Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether Government would assure of implementing the scheme within a short specified period in view of the ever growing drinking water crises in all the mega cities; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Export of silk

2500. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries to whom India has been exporting silk; and

(b) the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) The names of countries to whom India has been exporting silk and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last two years are given below:

Country	2003-2004		2004-05	
	Crore Rs.	Mn.Us$	Crore Rs.	Mn.US$
USA	726.66	158.11	836.65	186.21
UK	200.07	43.53	254.35	56.61
Italy	141.69	30.83	204.42	45.50
Germany	166.89	36.31	161.31	35.90
U.A.E.	289.69	63.03	146.29	32.56
Spain	154.39	33.59	146.12	32.52
Hongkong	130.87	28.48	135.36	30.13
France	92.66	20.16	102.24	22.76

country	2003-2004		2004-05	
	Crore Rs.	Mn.Us$	Crore Rs.	Mn.US$
Saudi Arabia	69.94	15.22	88.08	19.60
Singapore	88.07	19.16	77.48	17.24
Others	718.27	156.28	595.38	132.51
TOTAL:	2779.19	604.70	2747.68	611.55

P: (Provisional figure subject to change after final data received from DGCI&S, Kolkata)

Poor performance of C.C.I.C.I

2501. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the specific reasons for the poor performance particularly in the field of exports of Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Ltd. New Delhi during the years 2001-02 and 2003-04;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the working of the corporation; and

(c) whether any higher targets of production and exports have been fixed for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) The Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIC), New Delhi is mainly engaged in the retail marketing of handloom and handicraft items within the country. The foreign exchange earning of CCIC though sales to foreign tourists against foreign currencies was Rs. 3.99 crore in 2001-02 and Rs. 3.38 crore in 2003-04;

(b) The following steps have been taken to improve the working of the corporation:

(i) strengthening the operations of emporia,
(ii) improvement in merchandise,
(iii) cost control,
(iv) setting up of showrooms on franchise basis, and
(v) booking of bulk/institutional orders.

(c) The CCIC is not involved in production of handicrafts/ handlooms. It is a retail trading organization and purchases handicrafts/ handlooms goods from artisans/ craftsmen. For 2005-06 turnover target of Rs. 68.50 crores has been fixed, which is an increase of 11% (approx)